

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16-33 were pending in the application. Claim 33 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-7, 16-17, 19-32 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 16-17, 19-32 have been allowed.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

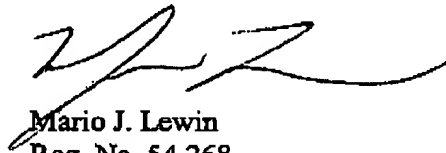
Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowers et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,073) in view of Sabourin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,545). Claim 33 has been cancelled, therefore the rejection is now believed moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-96600/BNK.

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